## DUNGEON WALLS

CURIOUS FRENCH PRESCOES DORE BY A DURE.

Loches and the Castle Dungeons-Louis XI. and the Father of

Diane. (Loches (Toursine) Letter.)

I must admit that this old chateau, with its donjon keep that looms so high above the gothic town of Loches, is one of the most curious, most startling places I ever eaw. It is well worth visiting even if the tourist has to go out of his y to get here. It would be hard for to tell how many hundreds of years ago the donjon de Loches was constructed, but those builded well who erected it. Long before Anjouans became Plantagenets and Plantagenets Kings of England, the castle fortress stood where it new is, a bold deflance to all invaders. When Richard of the Lion Heart gave it his wife, Queen Berangere, it consisted of little more than a great square tall

building called the donjon. It was then as now a donjon surrounded by a double line of ramparts, only that to-day it is in sad state of ruins.
I rang the bell at the stout caken door of the old castle, and I rang again and again before it was finally opened. The incierge who came to let me in conducted me, first of all, to the donjon. This structure was so stoutly built some 700 or 800 years ago that no one has eve cared to undertake to demolish all that fire and time have left standing. Inside a narrow flight of stone steps commands in, and I could see to the full height the bare, roofless walls. Smokeblackened fireplaces are to be seen on every stage, green, slimy mess everywhere, and rank leaves hide the corner projections. The windows still retain their wrought-iron bars; an altar, its place, and below it grows a shrubby tree that lists its light branches so as to form a sort of canopy of verdure over the ruined tabernacle. Higher up is the the ruined tabernacle. Higher up is the sky and the crows that all day long caw ancient walls. At some risk to myself I climbed the steps up which the master

the yawning gulf, the darkness of which but dimly lighted by ruined loop-es. The floors have long since fallen overs the stones, plants are growing dedicated to an obscure saint, is still in themselves hoarse along the top of the of the place used to pass to his apartments. I entered the first floor of what may call the main donjon, and ere the guide pointed out to me secret flight of steps hidden in a wall more than fourteen feet thick that lead to the floor above. Behind one of the fireplaces is a narrow vaulted passage also hidden in the thickness of the wall. This passage passed around two sides of the donion. end opened in the great hall of the second floor and the other communicated with a flight of steps that led to the floor below. In one corner the wall hiding this secret passage is covered with ruce carvings still observable and representing religions subjects—arms, men, and animals—all of which were cut there the thirteenth century. This was the habitation of the commander or governor of the castle, and it could not be entered by an enemy except by surprise We went thence to that rained part of

became a successful seldier, and who him the brother in-law of King Louis touched it, as did also a little box lying Xl. At his death he left a sou, Jean at the man's foot.

a part of the cachat walls, but enough of I messured his cell or cage and found it and to enable them to say something and height. and to enable them to say something and neight, interesting about it. It looks as if Among other prisoners kept in the the Duke of Milan began to paint doujon of Loches were Pierre de Naoriginally included the entire legible are "Encore et a mon avise." during the Reign of Terror. After the decline to receive any flag of truce or A little below is another portrait of the An VIII. it became a common prison, consent to any armistice with Mr. Reyall

think it has a sterner expression. On degree, cities and or minute of the debt on the dash like debt on the da knotted blue and red rope already mentioned. The vertical part of the wall is
painted in a higher key and is divided ing to it troops of tourists from all parts

very little is known. For awhile he had and to decipher the Gothic inscriptions a prison companion named François de which they bear; the soldier comes to Pontremolo, to whom he was greatly at study the old rules of fortifications and finally, he was baried with royal honors, but where no one can tell, for no stone can be found to mark his resting place, crombling towers I looked down into a reopen this question and bring it and the only monuments in France or in quiet little rustic town and on a stream again into the arena of party politically that perpetuate his memory are that winds its silvery way through vertices. If the majority in the Genecurious frescoes which I have so imper-fectly described.

dant fields and hills covered with vine-yerds that stretch away to a forest in one which has been made to the people in

Ludovic's room to one which knows no daylight at all It is called the cachot 'outliettes because of an opening in its floor, which gives access to underground passages. It is uninteresting, however, and so we hurried on; that is to say, we went through an old wooden door strongly cross-barred with iron and with an old-fashioned heavy wrought-iron look on it, the key to which is as big as a New York policeman's club, to another stairway of stone, down which we crept our way, holding a lighted tal-low in a tin pan before us as we proceeded until we came to the oubliettes of the Loches donjon. Between you and me, though, there are no such things as cublicities at Loches, or anywhere else in France that I have been, for that mat-Genuine oubliettes were holes down which prisoners were dropped into never again, and not with standing legends and the vivid imaginations of modern writers, they always were a rare thing known to have ever actually existed. The dreadful Bastille had none, and archeologists have come to the conclu sion that most of those now holes pointed out as oubliettes were nothing more than cesspools. Still I am not going to deny that the guardian of Loches Castle pointed out four or five holes that be called oubliettes, and I may as well tell you about them. Entrance to them is in the rock, and though no ray of day-light ever peeped into the place the walls showed some strange inscriptions. "Help God and men" is what one prisoner has carved on the stone; to this touching appeal is added a name that I could not make out, and the date 1417. This shows that that wall was so traced as early as the commencement of the fifteenth century; and there is another earving, "Le noble Due de Ghulhers, 1451," which is

quite as interesting. There are subterranean passages leading from these to the lowest dungeons, and it is supposed they led to the network of aban the castle called the martelet and in which is the eachot that held the celebrated Duke of Milan many years. In the time of Louis XIII. one of the Louis Marie Sforza, or Ludovic the Governors of Loches undertook a syste Moor, as he was also named, was the second son of a bastard peasant who passages. He found several closed by married the illegitimate daugnter of a long gallery led him into a small cell hilippe Viscount. Ludovic's eldest cut in the rock, where he found the body brother, Galeas, Duke of Milan by right of a tall man seated on a large stone, his of inheritance and conquest, married bend resting on his hands; but it crum-Bonne de Savoy, and this union made bled away into dust the moment the air

Galeas Marie, who should have been his successor, but Uncle Ludovic cut off the head of the young man's tutor, and the newer part of the eastle. drove his sister-in-law from Milan, During the fourteenth century a buildand poisoned his nephew. Howing was creeked alongside the castle that ever, Jean left a son, and to is now occupied by the concierge, and save him from Ludovic his mother, Isa- it was this point that was selected at belle of Aragou, sent him to France to a the commencement of the fifteenth cen-monastery. He became a priest, but tury for the site of a new donjon, to be was very iond of hunting, and one day built according to the rules of military when riding to hounds he had a fall art, and which should be armed with which settled him f rever. His death cennon. The engineers began by left no one of his family to dispute the building on the extreme verge of the ducal throne with Louis Sforza, and things would, I dare say, have gone all tire country, and from which an enfilade right with him had he not happened to fire could be kept up on the whole line of right with him had he not happened to fall into the hands of Louis XII., who claimed the heritage as grandson of Valentine Visconti. On Easter Monday of 1500 was fought the battle of Novaro, and there, betrayed by his Swiss mercenaries Ludovic was forced to surrender to an officer in the French army. He down in 1814, and now it is a mere min. was first imprisoned at Pierre En- Although a royal abode, this tower must was his his captor, in the same dungcon where his captor, Louis XII. was put, while still Duke of Orleans, by Charles VIII. after the battle of St.

Although a very gloomy place. We entered this old structure, and the very first roota I stepped into was the torture chamber. The authorities of those days Aubin du Cormier. Caught trying to called it "questioning the accused," and bribe the jailer, he was transferred many are the men who were tortured in thence to the stout tower at Bourges, it. It still contains a bar of iron to which where he remained four years, and are fastened rings for the feet whenes he came to this town and donjon. of the victim, who are stretched Here, in a damp and dark eachot, lighted dimit by a narrow window that was pierced turough a wall twelve feet in thickness and which has five sets of cross hars firmly placed in it at intervals.

cross bars firmly placed in it at intervals, were night and day the inseparable comhere in this gloomy place a prince who had built fine palaces, who had sat on a throne, who had established a grammar school, and bad fostered the arts—it was the son of a failer at Rugers, but he was the son of a failer at Rugers, but he was he who employed Leonardo da Vinci to shrewd and learned, and rose to be Carpaint "The Last Supper"—was kept dinal and Minister to the King. He was caged for nearly a quarter of a century, and to while away the time he selected a means of employment perhaps the most difficult to follow—that of mural decorations of the latter referred to him as "a good devil of a bishop whose future cannot be guessed, and who is just now excupied guessed, and who is just now excupied of course he did not attempt any painting until his eyes had grown well nocustomed to the obscarity of his aroused. Cardinal la Balue did someroom, and then he had to secure his colors. It took the Governor two years to make up his mind to let Indovie have colors, brushes, and a ladder, but when at last they came the prisoner set to work on some paintings which are as curious as they are original. There is a great quantity of saltpetre in the stones out of which the castle was built, and this same caltpetre has long since coated as part of the cachat walls, but enough of

work still remains to interest visitors was pecusely six feet in length, breadth, over the fireplace. There, at any varre, Count de St. Vallier, and Oudard rate, he painted his own portrait. The du Biez. The Count de St. Valllier was head is larger than life and is covered found guilty of high treason and conby an enormous heimet, but the visor is demned to death, but was pardoned on up and we can see the face in profile. It the scaffold, the price paid for his life is a striking face, with an aquiline nose being the honor of his daughter, who like that of a Roman Emperor. The became the King's mistress, and is chin is very prominent, and the lower known in history as Diene de Poiters. Iip projects and is curled in a sort of The political and military history of the sheering or contemptuous manner. On donjon ends with the reign of Henri any office, or for the position of conneileither side of this head are words of a III., the last time it played any impor-device cut in the stenes in fine lines, but which are separated by plumes or the league which attended the accession feathers similar to those in the helmet. of Henri IV. to the throne of France. In this, as in all the rest of the decora- One prisoner who was severely treated three colors—yellow ochre, brown-red, quis, who was a captain in the King's inserted in the bill, and because I want \$1,000,000, began life as a laund ess in body guard, and who was imprisoned by this board, like the Police Board, to be her native village, Verjux on the Saone. tive work, the Duke had use of only in the place was a gallant Marand a blue so dark that it is almost black, body guard, and who was imprisoned by From the centre of the low-vanited roof he | Cardinal Mazarin. About the same laid off the surface into two sections hori- epoch a Protestant ledy, wife of a counzontally. The first section stops at the cilor of the Parliament of Toulouse, was point where the walls become perpen-dicular, while the second extends from and tortured with a view to foreing her that point to the floor, the separation to become a Catholic, During the reign being marked by a heavy border which of Louis XIV., and while Napoleon I. looks very much like a knotted rope in was in power, many prisoners of war bine and red. I suppose the upper part were kept at Lockes, as were also all originally included the entire ceiling, the nuns of a neighboring convent sent but all that we can now make out of it to the castle by revolutionists of the are a few large yellow letters divided First Republic. Escapes were frequent, into spaces, between which are blue especially when the place was crowded stars. The only words that are still with prisoners, as was generally the case

then for lack of space the thought was finished in smaller Roman characters in and its dreadful dungeons are empty. three lines. Below these is a part of the English and Norman invaders are no ally to say that the General Assembly is into three rows or bands. In the upper of the world. Some of these visitors are row are letters painted blue on the white queer, but some are useful members of more favorable to the bondholders and background that the wall afforded, with society. The historian and the newspa- less favorable to the State, and would be red stars between them; the second row per correspondent come to this ancient of letters is made to appear as white on relic of the past in search of some tradia blue background, and the stars are yel- tion rapidly being forgotten or local color law, while the bottom row is a repetition | for his vacation letters; the archeologist | representatives. comes to measure the thick walls, of the upper.

Of the captivity of the Duke of Milan to study how they were tached, and it grieved him very much the power of warlike engines; the poet last spring, necessitating, in all probawhen taken away from his cachot to comes searching for a new idea, the bility, another extra session of the Geneanother cell in the eastle, where he was novelist to reconstruct a romantic story ral Assembly, at a cost to the tax-payers much more comfortable, but alone. Dead, with a sensational ending, the artist to of some \$50,000, and may result in some Down into the very bowels of the direction and in the other to the town of earth, so it seemed, we descended from Blois, on the blue edge of the horizon. every party platform since 1853, they will let Mr. Boyall severely alone, and

(For the Dispatch.)
The subject of ultra longevity has attracted the curious from time immetreme longevity furnish so large a number which pass the verge of a hundred years that if we accept an eighth part of these it will result that centenarianism is neither impossible nor improbable. Buffon placed the extreme limit of human life at a little less than two centutive names of of the battle of Rosworth Field, in 1485. and danced with Richard the Third. five miles,

for Parr's 152 years is well founded, and river and was carried away by the curthe famous Dr. Harvey ascertained by rent. Instantly Mr. Harwood leaped in a post-mortem examination that but for for her rescue, and, being a fine swimmer, the change of fare, incident to his re-moval from a country home to London, reached her when she fainted from exmight have survived much longer.

in the American Revolution, who wrote a was within a few feet of the shore with his precious burden he was so exhausted had ever had a disease of the stomach. Billings Valley and a gentleman of He claimed that more women live to be means. Miss Porter was awarded the very old than women. His observations ment at St. Katharine's commencement effect of a gradual palsy, showing itself city. other parts of the body, reaching the brain last.

The well-authenticated cases of ultra London, Conn., died at the age of 114. Miss Melissa Garner, of Scottsville, Monof well-ascertained centenarians.

Zephamah Bunce, of Port Huron, Mich., 1880, according to that census, in the and over, 1,409 being males and 2,607 nese, Japanese, and civilized Indians. Throughing to the order of the States and Territories according to magnitude of population, leads with 381, while New York, first in magnitude of population, leads with 381, by while New York, first in magnitude of population, and only 136. The other States and Territories, arranged according to magnitude of population, and only 136. The other States and Territories, arranged according to magnitude of population bad as follows: Pennstland. West Virginia, 34; Nebraska, New Hampshire, 11; Vermont, Rhode Island, 8; Florida, 69; 2; Rhode Island, 8; Florida Jolorado, 11; District of Washington, 3; Nevada, 4; Arizona, Montana, 3; Idaho, 0; Wyoming, : Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisi ana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas had 2,185-more than one half. While some allowance attendant upon arriving at the ages of the colored people, yet the proportion of white to colored in the southern States is nearly the same. Fresh sir, plain diet, and contentment are the great ments the colored race are blessed with in their southern homes. As sanitary methods of living become more general the greater will be the proportion of centemprians.

The Fire-Department Board.

To the Editor of the Disputch: I would suggest to those who are preparing the bill on this subject, if they have not already covered the point, that should insert a provision that the members of the board shall not allow their names to be used as candidates for to be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contracts for furnishing supplies or material to the Fire Department I make this suggestion the more freely

free from partisan influence and have no sible fire department. I hope that my views may be of some | Napoleon. His African Majesty is to be

value, because, if for no other reasons, they are made in a friendly spirit

Mr. Jesse Haworth, of Bowden, Cheand come from a purely disinterested CITIZEN.

Richmond, December 21, 1887. The Debt Question.

To the Editor of the Dispatch : It is to be hoped that the Democratic members of the General Assembly will

the one over the fireplace, though I vulgar vagabonds and criminals of low the debt on the basis fixed by the Rid-

To assent to Mr. Royall's proposal for large yellow letters adorned with blue sovereign with this donjon castle. To assent to Mr. Royall's proposal for stars, are the words CELVI QVI, and day its strong walls are lattle better than a suspension of hostilities for thirty construed by the people throughout the Commonwealth as an abandonment of the biddleberger settlement by their

Moreover, what must follow as a natuleave the bondholders to fund under the Riddleberger act or stay out, as may seem to them best.

The debt question is now in a shape

in which it will settle itself without the Hampton and farnishing electric lights regime, morial. The collectors of cases of ex- intervention of Mr. Royall, and the proposed truce is but an effort to secure better terms for the bondholders.
A. R. M.

The marriage of Miss Fannie Porter, man life at a little less than two centuries. The late Sir Henry Holland believed that there was sufficient proof of the frequent prolongation of human life to 110 and 140 years. The representative wood, a lawyer, which occurred last week at the home of the bride's parents of ultra in Billings, Mont., is but the fruition of longevity are the Countess of Desmond, an attachment which commenced roor Katherine Fitzgerald. This famous old mantically indeed. A year ago last sumbach was twenty years of age at the time mer Mr. Harwood saved Miss Porter's life at the risk of his own. Mr. and Mrs. Porter, with their daughter and Mr. Sir Walter Raleigh knew her in 1589, Harwood, were out for a drive. They when she was 124, and in the last year of were crossing the river on an old-style ther life, when she was 140, she walked rope ferry, when the horses commenced backing. Mr. Harwood had left the vehi-Thomas Parr, known as old Parr, was cle. Mr. and Mrs. Porter leaped from the born in 1483 and was buried in West-minster Abbey in 1635. The evidence tempted to follow she plunged into the

haustion. Sustaining her ha awam Mrs. Keithe, of Newnham, Glou-cestershire, retained her senses till with-Porter and the ferryman were fourteen years of her death at 133 having all they could do to and left three daughters, the eldest 111, restrain Mrs. Porter, who was deno second 110.

Dr. Benjamin Rush, Surgeon-General termined to leap into the water to help save her daughter. When Mr. Harwood ongevity, considered the most impor- that he was unable to swim longer, and tant circum-tance in the prolongation of they probably would have floated out of life to an advanced age was descent from | reach had not a ferryman, who was on long-lived ancestors. He never met the shore, gone to them with a yawl, with but one person beyond eighty who Mr. Harwood is a prominent lawyer in old than men, but more men live to be Dean's prize for amiability and deportwed that death from old age is the in June last. Davenport is her native

Dogs at Greece-Roman Wrestling.

A large crowd of sporting-men gathlongevity in this country are many. ered in Jackson's Union Hall, Eath Eleanor Spicer, of Accomack county, street, last night to witness a new de-Both dogs were muzzled, Within the past ten days ex-Judge their wire masks extending all over the head and back of the ears. As soon as Zephamah Bunce, of Fort Buron, Mich., was reported at 100, and Mrs. the animals were freed they darted for Catherine Paxton, mother of Mr. Paxton, mother of Mr. Paxton, bear Leesburg, is aged 101, legs threw their fore legs about each Catherine Paxton, mother of Mr. 121, legs threw their fore legs about each ton, near Leesburg, is aged 101, other's necks, and tagged and growled rived here from San Anton A majority of readers look upon such till one or the other was thrown to the morning. claims to ten decades of longevity as baving no foundation in fact, but an examination of the population tables of the census of 1880 shows some curious facts concerning centenarians in the United States. There were in 1880, according to that census, in the 1880, according to the census of longevity as baving no foundation in fact, but an examination of the population tables of the census of 1880 shows peralicular tables of 1880 shows peralicular tables 1889, according to that census, in the United States 4,016 persons 100 years matched, and Mexico won the three falls matched, and Mexico won the three falls and state of the being females. Three thousand and Kate wrestled third, and Kate won. The

Kentucky, 185; Massachusetts, 43; Kentucky, 185; Michigan, 43; Iowa, 15; Tennessee, 235; Virginia, 23; North Carolina, 227; Wisconsan, 30; Alabama, 332; Mississippi, 338; Now Jersey, 25; Kansas, 17; South Carolina, 26; Louisiana, 306; Louisiana, 306; Maryland, 76; California, 67; Arkansas, 11; Minnesta, 17; Maine, 11; Connecticut, 28; West Virginia, 34; Nebraska, 34; Nebraska, 35; West Virginia, 34; Nebraska, 36; Maryland, 76; California, 27; Maine, 11; Connecticut, 28; West Virginia, 34; Nebraska, 34; Nebraska, 34; Nebraska, 34; Nebraska, 35; Massachusetts, 43; Massachusetts, ranged according to magnitude of population had as follows: Pennsylvania, was born in Faris twenty years ago, and Baltimore and Chio railroad. It was number of admirers among the young gentlemen. Her father and mother were of normal size, her father weighing 180 pounds. She is quite pretty, and is accomplished in manners and education, In our literary societies she takes part, iumbia, 19; Oregon 82; Delaware, in our literary societies she takes part, 11; Utah, 3; Dakota, 1; New Mexico,

with her. She can converse upon any subject, as the saying goes, with ease and wherever she goes she attracts the special attention of all beholders.

She has rejected all propositions to able.

Personals. Jay Gould is expected to return to perty was withdrawn.

America about the end of February or the beginning of March. The Prince Regent of Bavaria, who

was recently bitten by a deg supposed to be suffering from rabbies, is not apparently suffering from any evil effects. M. Petrolsky, successor to the late M. Katkoff as editor of the Moscow Gazette, men, and that they shall not be allowed to be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contracts for furnishing supplies ignorance of the modern languages, Mme. Boucleaut, proprietress of the

famous Bon Marche, of Paris, who rethat I do not know whose names will be cently presented her employees with King Ja-Ja, of Oporto, is receiving motive whatever but to have the best pos- the same consideration at the hands of the British as was meted out to the first

> Mr. Jesse Haworth, of Bowden, Che- city. shire, has presented to the British Museum the throne-chair of Queen Hatasu, of the eighteenth Egyptian Dynasty, B. C. 1600. This is the oldest piece of fur-niture in the world the date of which is

Smell in a Drugstere What smells most in a drugstore Your nose. But when you have a cold, helmet that is red and white; it has the blemen, courtiers, statesmen, prelates, visor up and we see the same profile as and prisoners of war were succeeded by OLD POINT.

PREPARING TO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS-THE CHURCHES.

A Big Scheme for Electric Lighting, Bailway, &c .- Personals and Briefs.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

FORTBESS MONBOE, VA., Dec. 23, '87. The usual preparations are being made here for the proper celebration of Christ-mas. The Episcopal and Catholic churches have both been handsomely decorated for the occasion, but the dren will not have a Christmas-tree ral consequence of such an armistice as owing to the prevalence of measles at

> Mr. Arthur E. Bateman, the banker, of New York, arrived here this morning, accompanied by Captain Lloyd, of the British army, and a few friends. They passed up to Norfolk to inspect the deepwater terminus of the Atlantic and Danargely interested, and returned to New York this afternoon. General John C. Tidball, post com-

mander, is having an estimate made of the probable cost of lighting the Covernment buildings both inside and out with electricity. A company comprising Congress, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and other prominent capitalists has been organized with a view to establishing an electric street-railway between Old Point and for the Soldiers' Home, Normal School, and Hampton, and also the Hygeia Hotel and the garrison. There was a horse railroad in operation here before the war, and with the present large volume of travel the investment would no doubt prove a good one. It is understood, if the necessary permission can be obtained, the company will establish their plant nearly opposite

manded the Sixty-sixth Ohio volunteers official

the most progressive industrial enter. "a delicious residence." So delicious, prises ever known in the Valley. The indeed, was the mansion found to be that

as neat as a new pin, always bright and cans. Taking into consideration Mr. attended with moral deterioration, and to quell by being recklessly gay and bril-

travel with circuses or place herself on Harrisonburg, with 300 acres of land and of twelve. improvements, was offered at public sale found children only four years old in one; let me die on your faithful heart. sterday; \$5,425 was bid, and the pro-

PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY.

A Nephew Dies White the Funeral of the Uncle is in Progress.

[Correspondence of the Hichmond Dispatch.] Peterssure, December 23, 1887. Mr. Octavius Pulley, an old and wellknown citizen of Prince George county, labor for children are not observed, my dead. The cold face of the moon died on Wednesday after a brief illness, of what is said to have been "yellow employment of women has increased branches sobbed and sighed a re-His funeral took place yester- by chill." gress in the house a nephew of the de- in the textile, clothing, paper, leather,

an adjoining table set Mr. Arthur F.

Vyse, a well-known stock-broker, and a gentleman friend. In a short time the description of the inspectors are unanimous in eaying that it is in practice to be acting in a nermous in eaying that it is in practice to be acting in a nermous in eaying that it is in practice. The inspectors are unanimous in eaying that it is in practice to be acting in a nermous in eaying that it is in practice. The inspectors are unanimous in eaying that it is in practice. The inspectors are unanimous in eaying that it is in practice. The inspectors are unanimous in eaying that it is in practice. The inspectors are unanimous in eaying that it is in practice. The inspectors are unanimous in eaying that it is in practice. vous manner, and she complained that harder than that done in factories. The of that voice which, choked in Mr. Vyse was staring at her in an annoying way. The gentleman took his wife work are more common.

from the room and Mr. Barrymore pro-ceeded to interview Mr. Vyse. After a few words Mr. Barrymore let fly his left, which landed on the broker's A CHRISTMAS OF TWENTY-FIVE YEARS jaw and sent him to the floor all in a heap. The men then left

the restaurant, and the conflict was renewed on the outside, the result of which was that when Mr. Vyse rose from the sidewalk it was with a gash on the forehead, a bruise over his left eye, and with blood streaming from his mouth and nose. Mr. Barrymore escaped injury. Mr. Vyse is twenty-five years of age, six feet one inch in height, weighs more than two hundred pounds, is a graduate of Columbia College, and has hitherto enjoyed the reputation of being an athlete. Mr. Barrymore is a much smaller man, but quite an athlete and an expert sparrer. Mr. Vyse denied having in-

tended to annoy the lady. CARNOT'S GRANDFATHER. Napoleon's Appreciation and What Diebuhr Said of Ilim. [London Daily Telegraph.]

more forcibly or more curiously illustrated than in the records of historic houses; and of the existing palaces of the French capital not one has underinteresting vicissitudes as gone so many with his imperial master. From 1800 to 1814 the inflexible Republican had held studiously aloof from the imperial regime. He would have absolutely nothing to do with Napoleon so long as the Casar was prosperous and powerful. He had voted against the foundation of the Legion of Honor, he bad voted against the consulate for life, and he was less band. the Soldiers' Home, from which they could readily supply the electric lights to the points named with enough latent power left to so well, that he sent him this pithy left to some with the soldiers. left to supply Chamberlain's Hotel when it shall have been completed. This is Carnot, anything you like, as you like, the first instance since the war that organized northern capital has come into the first instance since the war that and when you like. Carnot waked organized northern capital has come into this section to seek an investment, and this section to seek an investment, and improvement of this kind is this section to seek an investment, and as an improvement of this kind is greatly needed, it is hoped they will meet with proper encouragement and be able to carry their plans to a successful issue.

A number of the young officers of the Arillery School are off for short leaves of absence visiting their homes. Major and Mrs. J. H. Calef have gone to Massachusetts, Lieutenant Hawthorne to Kentucky, Lieutenant Hawthorne to Kentucky, Lieutenant Walker to New Tanized victory" for the Republican are improvement of this kind is greatly needed, it is hoped they will marchals and his courtiers were deserting him en masse Carnot reappeared to school-house was in a clump of trees and the roadside. Often would we be jarred by the explosion of shells or startled by the whiz of the bulket our startled by the whiz of the caplain of the caplain of the caplain our startled by the whiz of the part our startled by the whiz of the bulket our startled A number of the young people are home from school for the holidays—Miss Miss Susie Taiball, from Philadelphia; Mr. Ferdinan Kobbe, from Petersburg: Mr. Benjamin Brooke, from Philadelphia; Mr. Ferdinan Kobbe, from Philadelphia; Frank and Harry Phoebus, from Sing Sins, N. Y.

The contract for building the new iron

A many many fine the personal discovered that the man who had "organized victory" for the Republican armies, whose name was closely associated with the creation of the Polytechnic School, the Institute, the Ecole Normale, and the Bureau of Longitudes, held no higher grade than that of a major of engineers. He had bestowed the very highest ranks in the military service of his country, but he had forgotten his own claims, and it was only by senfority that he had risento the post of a "Chef de Bataillon."

Mr. Ferdinan Kobbe, from Petersburg: Frank and Harry Phoebus, from Sing Sins, N. Y.

The contract for building the new iron phia; Frank and Harry Phoebus, from Sing Sing, N. Y.

The contract for building the new iron wharf at the post, authorized by the last Congress, has been awarded to the Groton Iron Company, of Groton, N. Y. Mr. James Ware, superintendent of the engineer's department, leaves for that place on Monday to inspect the material as it is being manufactured. This will occupy about three months, when it will be sent bere, and work pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

Mrs. Major Arnold, who has been visiting her family in New York for the streef, last night to witness a new departure in sports. It was a dog-wrestling match. There were three contests—three falls out of five—all the dogs being of the pure buildog species. The police beginner of the exhibition suspected it. Miss Melissa Garner, of Scottsville, Monroe county, N. Y., died in 1878 104 years of the pore building species. The police of age, leaving her husband surviving her at 107; his death has not yet been reported. At Norristown, Pa., December 28, 1878, Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas died, 102 years old. Hardly an issue of a newspaper that does not contain notices of the pore building species. The police with three weeks, returned home on poverty, loving wishes, and the home of the pore building species. The police wind has a new name for a genuine dog there about ten years as chief clerk in the quartermaster's department, has been appointed commissary of subsistive about the portation of nalk, eggs, and single discount the poverty, loving wishes, and the home of poverty, loving wishes, and the home of the point of the police which had been the december of the least time being a point of the point of th during the war, and won his stars during the Atlanta campaign.

ant. When, however, the chronicle of this chameleon-like structure is

In our literary societies she takes part, sometimes in recitations and occasionally in character parts, and her intellect is bright and active.

To see her walking upon the streets one's first impression is that some large doll has strayed away from 1 hop window. In her personal appearance size is a large transport of the season our representatives, Messrs Acker and down in her personal appearance size is a large transport of the season of children between the ages of twelve and fourteen, and suspects that the work, especially in and about brick kilns, is cans. Taking into consideration Mr. Acker's remark—"If I was to say I was other inspectors are of a like opinion. liant all the evening. Unseen by the for Mahone I couldn't be elected "-and The provisions of the law protecting others I flew to his side—my love! my Sanger's statement in a letter that he "wouldn't even go into a cancus for fear it might be manipulated for Mahone,"

The provisions of the law proveding better known, and where the inspection is thorough and it might be manipulated for Mahone,"

The provisions of the law proveding better known, and king! The life-blood was ebbing, ebbwhere the inspection is thorough and ing away, and I could not save him. "O,
effective (as for instance in Saxony) there "wouldn't even go into a care as it might be manipulated for Mahone," the votes of these gentlemen are remarkable, as in other places, children are contained and age agony. "Weep not, my darling, for Rawley Springs, eleven miles west of darrisonburg, with 300 acres of land and of twelve. The inspector at Dusseldorf me," were his gentle words. "Call no polishers', harness-makers', and weavers' / I am not afraid to die. It is all right. I stablishments, but the relatives alleged strust the God to whom I knelt at my that the children were there in their care, mother's knee. My poor mother and my nithough the marks on their hands poor little would-be bride. Oh! Kate showed that they were working. He your warm tears on my face feel comfort also found children of from three to ing. Bid me good bye; be as happy as twelve years of age playing about in you can in this world. It is all right." factories where there was unfenced Hismanly voice grew fainter; heavily machinery in motion. The inspectors sank his head. Bravely had be lived, complain also that the legal hours of bravely had he died. About 90 per cent are employed ceased, Mr. Frank Ramsey, aged about twenty-two years, died in one of the adjoining rooms of the same disease. The junctive to replace men by women, who upon to shroud the corpse of the nephew before the former could be buried. Both both have relatives and friends in this city. of ornaments and bijouteric there is an As Actor on the Muscle

At a New York restaurant Thursday evening Mr. Manrice Earrymore, a well-known actor, with a gentieman and the home before the usual midday rest.

There was a decrease in the amount of the amount of the soldiers. Twenty-five times has that sort want it good or files who expended means to the alleviation of the sufferings of the soldiers. Twenty-five times has that sort want it good or files who expended means to the alleviation of the sufferings of the soldiers. Twenty-five times has that sort want it good or files who expended means to the alleviation of the sufferings of the soldiers. Twenty-five times has the sort of premium that sort want it good or files which show some of considerable principal. increase. Women usually object much latter's wife, sat at one of the tables. At I here was a decrease in the amount of christmas dawned bright and beautiful an adjoining table sat Mr. Artbur F. There was a decrease in the amount of christmas dawned bright and beautiful on our loved land. To me it only brings

A STORY OF THE WAR.

A Christmas twenty-five years ago! War had frowned his blackest on our beloved South; his iron heel was grinding her to the earth; everywhere the wildest alarums, the sound of the bugle, the heavy tramp of infantry, the clash of bayonets, the tented field, the bivouscthe country was in the throes of a mighty warfare. Nothing else was thought of, nothing else talked of, save the welfare of the soldiers—those brave defenders of our hearths and homes. As I look forth upon the aged earth with her wintry smile, and view that granite spire in whose shadow sleeps the dust of one so dear to me, memory carries me back through the corridors of time to that indignant outburst of wrath was long ago, when that face, so long be-neath the sod, was full of fire and am-

bition, of hope and courage.

Now how changed the scene. Peace stolen property. In a couple of Seldom are the whirligigs of time and reigns triumphant. The "Gates of the caller returned, making the strange revenges which they bring Janus" are closed once more. Thentwenty-five years ago-all within my hal. A scene of some embarrane range of vision was one vast camping-ground, where the "Carry Arms!" "Support Arms!" "Attention! Com-

that Elysee, where at the end of June, that Elysee, where at the end of June, that Elysee, where at the end of June, pany, was the eternal refrain.

I was one of a band of orphans who York there are 2,700 temales employed. Carnot conversed for the last time had watched those near and dear march laurels to be won; we with tear-be-dimmed eye, each step that bore them away a knell to our aching hearts, for ing-girls in the city. they would return—ah! nevermore. Public meetings in favor of earl Only those who have refugeed know the closing are being held in London. It lonely feeling that crept over us when alleged that the average hours of English black-winged night folded us in a home—shop-girls and clerks are from thateen less band. We went within "our lines" to fourteen a day. There is an earlythe only member of the Tribunate who to be near friends and brothers. I soon closing ball now before Parliament dared to raise his voice against the cs- looked for employment, for the bread of Residents of Odessa, Del., have former tablishment of the empire. Yet so highly did Napoleon appreciate the talents and the virtues of the soldier, of the neighborhood to instruct, but weary work I found it. As thoughts would wander and inagination picture a fearful havoc and one form stiff and cold in death, scorching tears would fall and blister the book, the little ones would look up with reasonable as well blister the book, the little ones would look up with reasoning smiles, and the led to quite a crane for portion up look up with reasoning smiles, and the led to quite a crane for portion up look up with a country look up with a c near the roadside. Often would we be | county, 60 at Sanford, 200 at Ursing in | country. What to wear became the of a one-cent passenger rate to all p question of the day, literally the "tag of south of the Ohio river; and have

ant. When, however, the chronicle Atlanta campaign.

Mr. J. M. Kippox, chief clerk to Major Arnold, commanding the arsenal, arrived here from San Antonio Sunday morning.

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HARRISONBURG.

Details of the Late Fire-Fersonats. (Correspondence of the Elebmona Dispatch.)

Decamber 23, 1887.

The destruction of Clein & Wenger's centrifugal roller-mill by fire yesterday morning gave the death-blow to a ne of the most progressive industrial enter
ant. When, however, the chronicle chronic structure is considered, astonishment at its changes of occupants is overcome by a conviction that there is scarcely anything in the chronic structure of occupants is overcome by a conviction that there is scarcely anything in the eighteenth century the Regent Orleans begged from the baby Lonis XV.

Correspondence of the Elebmona Dispatch.)

December 2 and 3 and 4 last read-of the any marking to each of the promunent southern towns have of the case, being at last attired to each others satisfaction, we mounted our descriptions of the until towns. Being at last attired to each others satisfaction, we mounted our descriptions of the large and garments were alike thread-towns already signified their intention of the other. Being at last attired to each others satisfaction. All the being the close of the Early have a stiff the case, Being at last attired to each others. Being at last attired to each others at last stat presence. Huge log-fires burned brightly in the harge open fireplaces, with their tall brass andirons, and the home-made

The report of 1886 for the General Control of the presence in the pr

seemed to mock me; the withcred about 8 per cent in a year, quiem. The voices of the company on the porch seemed like some far-away dream. exposure, all brought on a severe illness.

For weeks I wavered between life and death, but through God's goodness and death, but through God's goodness and a Christmas turkey of superior a Christmas turkey of superior The of that voice which, choked in death, night said: "He as happy as you can."

INCOGNITO.

BOOK AND JOB WORK NEATH RESERVED AT THE DISPATOR PROPERTY.

clergyman about himself, which goes to show how little circumstantial evidence is worth. This young clergyman, don an important mission work in the cat-had lodgings in an old-fashioned hour where it was necessary to have a fire on the hearth, and it was during a visit from a brother elergyman that wood was being brought in for the winter's store After his friend had departed the clergy man had occasion to go out, but nowhere find his hat. Instead he found very battered and altogether disrepar ble apology for a hat hanging peg where his own spick-and-spar covering had hung before. ( stances pointed strongly to the year man who was bringing in the wo as mildly as possible the cler-

apologies for having taken the w

who average 88 per week. They all long to Assembly No. 126, They for the purpose of inducing man turers to move there. Quite a nu

The Clergyman and His Hat.

An amusing story is told by a Boston

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ALLCOCK'S.

If you want the GENCINE ARTICLE, to tain not only to not for

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REPORT OF THE TOBACCO MUN FOR THE WEEK SOULS 200 D

The offerings of loose the past week a so large as they were for several we vious, and while there was not as not in the market as there had present prices were generally satisfactory to